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Filed: May 4, 2000 Examiner: AZAD, Abul K.
For: A METHOD FOR SPEECH CODING, METHOD
FOR SPEECH DECODING AND THEIR
APPARATUSES

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SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW ON MARCH 24, 2004

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Abul K. Azad for taking the time to discuss the Application with Applicant's Representatives, Mr. Jason Rhodes and Mr. Shigeo Kishimoto, on March 24, 2004. A record of the substance of the interview is provided below.

Substance of the Interview

- 1) Exhibit Shown/Demonstration Conducted:** No exhibit was shown and no demonstration was conducted.
- 2) Claims Discussed:** Independent claim 19 was discussed.
- 3) Prior art discussed:** U.S. Patent No. 5,867,825 to Kondo et al. (hereinafter Kondo).

- 4) **Proposed Amendments:** No amendments were proposed.
- 5) **Principle Arguments:** Applicant's Representatives argued that Kondo failed to disclose decoding a gain based on a gain code.
- 6) **Other Pertinent Matters Discussed:** The Examiner indicated that he had found a new relevant prior art document. The Examiner said that he would send a copy of this new prior art reference to Applicant's Representative as soon as he had obtained it.
- Applicant's Representatives also indicated that an Amendment After Final had previously been filed on March 19, 2004.
- 7) **General Results:** The Examiner agreed with the principle argument of Applicant's Representatives. Thus, the Examiner agreed that the prior art rejection based on Kondo would be withdrawn in the next Office Action.

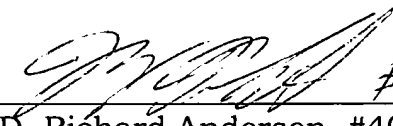
Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Jason W. Rhodes (Reg. No. 47,305) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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